

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Natsuko NOBUKUNI, et al.

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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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SIR:

☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/141/981, filed 05/10/02, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**:  
**Application No.** **Date Filed**

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	11-138067	May 19, 1999
Japan	2000-076514	March 17, 2000

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/884,121 filed 06/20/01

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
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☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s)

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